blended cloth under the 'Sushman' scheme during the period October 1987 to March, 1989.

**Increase in prices of man-made filament yarns**

1012. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of various man-made filament yarns have increased over the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the comparable denierwise selling prices of VFY, PFY and NFY, monthwise for the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 (January-March); and

(c) what measures Government are taking to maintain the prices of these items at a reasonable level?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Between April, 1989 to April, 1990 prices of man-made filament yarns have increased as under:—

| Item | April, 1989 | (Rs./Kg.) (Weighted average prices) April, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| Viscose Filament Yarn | 107.66 | 127.69 |
| Nylon Filament Yarn | 176.82 | 253.99 |
| Polyester Filament Yarn (76 D) | 184.00 | 190.00 |
| Partially Oriented Yarn (average) | 146.63 | 154.17 |
| Texturised Yarn (average) | 159.26 | 173.48 |

(b) Details of comparable monthwise and denier-wise selling prices of Viscose Filament Yarn, Nylon Filament Yarn and Polyester Filament Yarn for 1988, 1989 and 1990 (January-March) are given in Annexure attached. [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 48.]

(c) In the Budget for 1990-91, Government have reduced import duties on Nylon Filament Yarn and Polyester Filament Yarn to check the domestic prices of such yarns. In addition to this, Government have been constantly reviewing and monitoring the prices of these yarns and have periodically convened meetings between Spinners and Weavers with a view to ensure reasonable prices of these yarns.

**Appeal against the disallowance of losses shown by Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers**

1013. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1012 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the appeal against the disallowance of certain losses shown by the Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers has been admitted;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the appeal;

(c) whether the Chairman has paid the necessary taxes on losses disalowed or he has given any bank guarantee for such a payment; and